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# McKinney Shelter Plus Care Program

## *Fact Sheet*

The McKinney Shelter Plus Care Program provides rental assistance and support services to homeless individuals and families with disabilities, primarily to those with mental illness, chronic substance abuse problems and/or HIV/AIDS. Tenants pay not more than 30% of their adjusted income towards the total housing cost. Support services are provided by a network of public and private entities.

DHCD's Division of Public Housing and Rental Assistance, which administers this program, has the responsibility for regulatory and administrative oversight of all state and federally-aided rental assistance programs which address the needs of low-income families, the elderly and persons with disabilities.

### **How it works**

The program provides rental assistance funds matched with supportive services for homeless, disabled individuals and families. Rental assistance can be tenant-based or tied to a specific building or unit. Participation in supportive services is required. There are approximately 350 Shelter Plus Care subsidies distributed throughout the Commonwealth by the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD).

### **Who is eligible**

Eligible recipients are homeless, disabled individuals and families. The program primarily serves those people with severe mental illness, chronic substance abuse, or HIV/AIDS.

### **Application process**

The application process varies by program. Please contact the division for more information.

### **For further information**

Please contact the Bureau of Federal Rental Assistance at DHCD at (617) 573-1150.